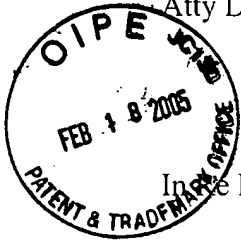


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Response is submitted with in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 15, 2004. Applicant requests amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview with Applicant's representative on February 8, 2005.

A petition and fee for a two-month time extension to respond to the Office Action is included with this Response.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

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